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For: **A DEVICE FOR PERFORMING AN ASSAY, A METHOD
FOR MANUFACTURING SAID DEVICE, AND USE OF A
MEMBRANE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF SAID DEVICE**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Insert the attached Sequence Listing in place of the Sequence Listing contained with the originally-filed application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows.

Cancel Claims 1-16, without prejudice.

--17. (new) A device for performing an assay. which device comprises a substrate having through-going channels, said channels opening out on a surface and being oriented essentially perpendicular to the surface for sample application, the channels in at least one area of the surface for sample application being provided with a first binding substance capable of binding to an analyte, wherein the substrate is an

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